



# News Release

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## **Forest Service hosts workshop on monitoring programs in forest management plans**

CLOVIS, California (January 12, 2015) -- The U.S. Forest Service is hosting a daylong workshop focused on how monitoring applies to the management of National Forests in California. This public event is part of the Sierra Cascades Dialog Sessions, which are one way the Forest Service engages the public on important issues across the Sierra Nevada and the Cascades.

Workshop attendees will discuss needs, trends and options for monitoring forest health and productivity to support adaptive management of forests. Additionally, participants will consider which indicators are useful for monitoring social, economic and environmental trends. There will also be time to discuss possible opportunities for partnering with the Forest Service on monitoring programs.

The Dialog will take place Thursday, January 22, 2015, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and may be attended at two locations:

- Sacramento Location: Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street, North Highlands, CA 95652  
Register online at [www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/webreg/Register\\_scads13.cfm?CID=1794](http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/webreg/Register_scads13.cfm?CID=1794)
- Bishop (satellite location): Inyo National Forest Service, 351 Pacu Lane, Bishop, CA 93514  
Register with Deb Schweizer at 760-873-2427 or [debraaschweizer@fs.fed.us](mailto:debraaschweizer@fs.fed.us)

In preparation for the dialog, participants are encouraged to consider the following questions:

- Which indicators and characteristics should the Forest Service monitor to inform forest management decisions?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for collecting and analyzing and using different indicators for monitoring?
- What are the opportunities for partnerships with the Forest Service for collaborative monitoring?

Since November 2010, the Forest Service has hosted 13 Sierra Cascades Dialog sessions. Recent Dialog topics have focused on issues such as social and economic conditions in rural forest communities, recreation, water, and wildland fire.

For more information about this or other Sierra Cascade Dialog Sessions, please contact Deb Whittall, U.S. Forest Service, 707-562-8823 [dwhittall@fs.fed.us](mailto:dwhittall@fs.fed.us) or log on to:  
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